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PROCEDURAL, INSTITUTIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Opening of the session

1. In the absence of the President of the Board at its thirty-eighth session, Mr. Thomas Ogada (Kenya), the first part of the thirty-ninth session of the Trade and Development Board was opened by Mr. Jamtono Rahardjo (Indonesia), Vice-President.

B. Election of officers

(Agenda item 1 (a))

2. At its 807th (opening) meeting, on 28 September 1992, the Board elected as President of its thirty-ninth session, by acclamation, Mr. Gündüz Aktan (Turkey) who, in accordance with the provisions of Board decision 338 (XXXIII), had been designated by the Board at the second part of its thirty-eighth session. (For the statement made by the President upon his election, see Introduction, paras. 1-4).

3. At the same meeting, the Board elected the other members of its Bureau in accordance with the nominations agreed upon at its first (pre-sessional) executive session. Accordingly, the elected Bureau was as follows:

President:	Mr. Gündüz Aktan	(Turkey)
Vice-Presidents:	Mr. Morris B. Abram	(United States of America)
	Mr. Abdeljabbar Brahime	(Morocco)
	Mr. G.V. Gabounia	(Russian Federation)
	Mr. Akio Iljuin	(Japan)
	Mr. Marian Malecki	(Poland)
	Mr. Carlos H. Matute Arias	(Honduras)
	Mr. Martin Morland	(United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
	Mr. Gian Nath	(Mauritius)
	Mr. Ri Tcheul	(People's Democratic Republic of Korea)
	Mr. Jorge Soruco	(Bolivia)
Rapporteur:	Mr. Banmali Prasad Lacoul	(Nepal)

C. Adoption of agenda and organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 1 (b))

4. At its 807th meeting, the Board's attention was drawn to two additions to the provisional agenda: a sub-item entitled "Report of the Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget on its twenty-first session (31 August-8 September 1992)" had been added under item 11 (Other matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies); and, by decision of the first (pre-sessional) executive session of the Board, a new agenda item entitled "Board decision 398 (XXXVIII): Establishment of an ad hoc working group to explore the issue of structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament" had been included as item 13. Consequently, the items 13 and 14 of the provisional agenda had been renumbered 14 and 15, respectively.

5. Having noted the above amendments, the Board adopted the provisional agenda for the first part of its thirty-ninth session in TD/B/39(1)/1. The agenda as adopted was subsequently circulated in TD/B/39(1)/9. (The agenda as adopted is reproduced in annex I below).

6. At the same meeting, the Board endorsed the proposals for the organization of work of the session contained in TD/B/39(1)/Add.1.

D. Establishment of sessional bodies

7. At its 807th meeting, the Board established two sessional committees of the whole, allocating agenda items to them for consideration and report as follows:

Sessional Committee I

- Paths to development: performance, problems and reform of public enterprises (item 4)
- Trade policies, structural adjustment and economic reform: issues relating to national transparent mechanisms in the context of the fight against protectionism (item 6).

Sessional Committee II

- UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the development of Africa in the 1990s (item 8)
- Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestine people in the light of the Cartagena decision (item 9).

8. The Board further agreed that, during the second week of the session, Sessional Committee II would convert itself into a Special Sessional Committee to consider and report on item 7 (Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s). It was understood that Sessional Committee II and the Special Sessional Committee would have the same office-bearers.

Sessional Committee I

9. At its 1st meeting, Sessional Committee I elected the following officers to serve on its Bureau:

Chairman: Mr. Hugo Cubillos (Chile)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. E.M. Manakine (Russian Federation)

10. In the course of the session, Sessional Committee I held ..... meetings and ..... meetings in an informal setting.

11. At its closing meeting .....

[To be completed as appropriate]

Sessional Committee II

12. At its 1st meeting, Sessional Committee II elected the following officers to serve on its Bureau and on the Bureau of the Special Sessional Committee:

Chairman: Ms. Taous Feroukhi (Algeria)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. Thomas Carter (United States of America)

13. In the course of the session, Sessional Committee II held ..... meetings and ..... meetings in an informal setting.

14. At its closing meeting .....

[To be completed as appropriate]

E. Membership and attendance

15. The following States members of UNCTAD, members of the Board, were represented at the session: Afghanistan; [Albania]; Algeria; [Angola]; Argentina; [Armenia]; Australia; Austria; Bahrain; Bangladesh; [Barbados]; Belarus; Belgium; [Benin]; Bhutan; Bolivia; Brazil; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cameroon; Canada; [Central African Republic]; [Chad]; Chile; China; Colombia; [Congo]; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba; Cyprus; Czechoslovakia; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Denmark; [Dominica]; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Ethiopia; Russian Federation; Finland; France; [Gabon]; [Georgia]; Germany; Ghana; Greece; [Grenada]; [Guatemala]; Guinea; [Guyana]; [Haiti]; Honduras; Hungary; India;

Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kenya; Kuwait; [Lebanon]; Liberia; Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Liechtenstein; Luxembourg; Madagascar; Malaysia; [Mali]; Malta; [Mauritania]; Mauritius; Mexico; Mongolia; Morocco; Myanmar; [Namibia]; Nepal; Netherlands; [New Zealand]; [Nicaragua]; Nigeria; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; [Papua New Guinea]; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Romania; Russian Federation; [Sao Tome and Principe]; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; [Sierra Leone]; Singapore; [Somalia]; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; [Suriname]; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; Thailand; Togo; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United Republic of Tanzania; United States of America; Uruguay; Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; [Zaire]; [Zambia]; Zimbabwe.

16. The following States members of UNCTAD, not members of the Board, were represented at the session: Brunei Darussalam; Holy See; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lesotho; Maldives; Mozambique.

17. Palestine participated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX).

18. The Economic Commission for Africa; United Nations Development Programme were represented at the session. The International Trade Centre UNCTAD-GATT was also represented at the session.

19. The following specialized agencies were represented at the session: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; World Health Organization; World Bank; International Monetary Fund; United Nations Industrial Development Organization. The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade was also represented at the session.

20. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented at the session: African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States: Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation; Arab Monetary Fund; Commonwealth Secretariat; European Economic Community; International Organization for Migration; League of Arab States; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; Organization of African Unity; Organization of the Islamic Conference.

21. The following non-governmental organizations were represented at the session: General Category: Inter-Parliamentary Union; International Alliance of Women; International Bar Association; International Chamber of Commerce;

International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; World Confederation of Labour; World Federation of United Nations Associations. Special Category: International Association of Islamic Banks.

F. Adoption of the report on credentials

(Agenda item 1 (c))

[To be completed as appropriate]

G. Provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-ninth regular session of the Board

Agenda item 1 (d))

[To be completed as appropriate]

H. Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections

(Agenda item 12 (a))

22. The Board dealt with this sub-item at its first (pre-sessional) executive session on 21 September 1992. (See TD/B/EX(1)/4, paras. 63-64).

I. Membership of the Trade and Development Board

(Agenda item 12 (b))

23. At the 809th meeting, the President drew attention to the fact that the item on Membership of the Trade and Development Board had been referred to the pre-sessional executive session, when action had been taken on two applications (the Republics of Armenia and Equatorial Guinea). In the interim, a further application had been received - from the Republic of Georgia.

24. At the same meeting, the Board admitted the Republic of Georgia to membership of the Trade and Development Board, bringing the Board's membership to 135.

J. Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1993

(Agenda item 12 (c))

25. The Board dealt with this sub-item at its first executive session, on 21 September 1992. (See TD/B/EX(1)/4, para. 66).

K. Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

(Agenda item 12 (d))

26. At its 809th meeting, on 29 September 1992, the Board took note that there were no applications for status from intergovernmental organizations before the Board at the first part of its thirty-ninth session.

L. Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

(Agenda item 12 (e))

27. At its 809th meeting, on 29 September 1992, the Board decided to designate and classify the following six non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure, as follows:

In the General Category:

The Association of African Trading Enterprises (ASATRADE) (TD/B/30(1)/R.1/Add.5)

In the Special Category:

The Association of Export Credit Insurance Organizations (known as the Dakar Union) (TD/B/39(1)/R.1/Add.1) - to attend meetings of the Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors.

The World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations (WAITRO) (TD/B/39(1)/R.1/Add.2) - to attend meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Investment and Technology Transfer.

The Baltic Exchange Limited (TD/B/39(1)/R.1/Add.3) - to attend meetings of the Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors.

The Rural Advancement Foundation International (RAFI) (TD/B/39(1)/R.1/Add.4) - to attend meetings of the Standing Committee on Commodities.

The Latin American Association of Navigational Law and Law of the Sea (ALDENAVE) (TD/B/39(1)/R.1/Add.6) - to attend meetings of the Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors.

28. In addition to the subsidiary bodies to which they had been designated, all of these non-governmental organizations were entitled to attend meetings of the Trade and Development Board.

29. Also under this item, the Board noted that the International Association of State Trading Organizations of Developing Countries (ASTRO), which had been granted General Category status by the Board at the second part of its thirty-third session, had changed its name to the International Association of Trading Organizations for a Developing World. The acronym "ASTRO" remained unchanged.

30. Referring to the question of the proposed reclassification of non-governmental organizations that were already in status with UNCTAD in the Special Category, the President drew attention to the note by the UNCTAD

secretariat (TD/B/39(1)/CRP.5 and Corr.1) and recalled that such non-governmental organizations had originally been classified on the basis of the special interest in one or two of the former main Committees.

31. In view of this, the Board agreed that a number of non-governmental organizations be reclassified in order to bring their classification into line with the new Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Working Groups on an interim basis, pending the results of consultations which the Secretary-General of UNCTAD would have with the organizations concerned to ascertain their wishes regarding their future association with UNCTAD.

M. Review of the calendar of meetings

(Agenda item 12 (f))

[To be completed as appropriate]

N. Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

(Agenda item 12 (g))

[To be completed as appropriate]

O. Other business

(Agenda item 14)

[To be completed as appropriate]

P. Adoption of the report of the Board

(Agenda item 15)

[To be completed as appropriate]